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SUBJECT: MEETING WITH MINISTER OF STATE DUDLEY THOMPSON  
FROM ROGERS

1. SUMMARY AND INTRODUCTION: AMBASSADOR GERARD AND I CALLED  
ON MINISTER OF STATE DUDLEY THOMPSON AUGUST 25 TO DISCUSS A  
HEMISPHERIC AND THIRD WORLD ISSUES.

2. PUERTO RICO: FOLLOWING MY EXPLANATION OF OUR TAND IN THE  
COMMITTEE OF 24, THOMPSON STATED THAT JAMAICA WILL NOT BE  
A PARTY TO ANY EFFORTS TO INTRUDE INTO THE INTERNAL AFFAIRS

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OF THE U.S. AND THE COMMONWEALTH. THAT POSITION WAS MADE

CLEAR TO THE CUBANS WHEN PRIME MINISTER MANLEY VISITED HAVANA. JAMAICA WOULD NOT BE SENDING ANYONE TO THE PUERTO RICO INDEPENDENCE SOLIDARITY CONFERENCE IN HAVANEARLY NEXT MONTH.

3. SELA: THOMPSON VIEWS SELA AS A CONSULTATIVE BODY. HE THINKS IT MAY EVOLVE INTO AN EFFECTIVE COMMUNICATION SYSTEM RATHER THAN AN ORGANIZATION PER SE. AS SUCH, HE HOPES IT WILL AVOID DIRECT POLITICAL CONFRONTATION AND ALLOW FOR CONSTRUCTIVE WORK. IN RESPONSE TO MY QUESTION, THOMPSON STATED THAT HE SAW NO ADVERSE REACTION TO THE USG'S ATTITUDE TOWARD SELA. IT IS NOT A SUBSTITUTE FOR THE OAS.

4. OAS: THE OAS NEEDS CONSIDERABLE REFINEMENT. IT SHOULD BREAK AWAY FROM THE HABIT OF ORGANIZING COMMITTEES TO STUDY COMMITTEES. HE FELT THAT THERE IS USEFUL WORK YET TO BE DONE, SUCH AS THE STUDY OF TRANSNATIONAL CORPORATIONS. I EXPLAINED THAT THE ALMOST THEOLOGICAL ATTACHMENT OF MANY LATINS TO THE CALVO DOCTRINE PRESENTED A SERIOUS PROBLEM IN THE MTN STUDY. SOME OF THEV LATINS HAD INDICATED TO ME THAT THEY DID NOT WANT TO SEE THE WORKING GROUP ON TNC'S RESCUSITATED UNLESS THE USG IS WILLING TO MAKE A MAJOR CONCESSION ON CALVO. THOMPSON OFFERED NO HELP ON THAT ISSUE BUT WELCOMED OUR LILLINGNESS TO CONSIDER THE TNC MATTER IN A PRAGMATIC FASHION. HE FELT LHE WORKING GROUPS ON TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY AND TNC'S COULD BE MERGED, IF E OAS MOVES AHEAD IN THIS AREA.

5. HUMAN RIGHTS AND CHILE: I TOLD THOMPSON OF OUR DISAPPOINTMENT WITH THE CHILEANS "ABOUT FACE" ON THE UN HUMAN RIGHTS GROUP, EXPLAINING THAT THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS HAS BECOME INTENSELY INTERESTED IN THE HUMAN RIGHTS' FIELD AND THAT THE CHILEAN ACTION WILL MAKE IT DIFFICULT TO AVOID A PROHIBITION ON MILITARY ASSISTANCE. THOMPSON AGREED THAT WE MUST DEVELOP INTERNATIONAL MACHINERY WITHIN THE UN AND/OR THE OAS TO ENFORCE AND MONITOR HUMAN RIGHTS CONCERNS. I ASKED IF HE HAD THOUGHT ABOUT THE HEMISPHERIC COMMUNITY TO GET THE OAS COMMITTEE MOVING AGAIN. THOMPSON HAD NO SPECIFIC SUGGESTIONS, OTHER THAN TO OBSERVE THAT PRESSURES ON THE CHILEAN LEGAL COMMUNITY THROUGH THE AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION MIGHT BE HELPFUL. BUT HE WILL THINK ABOUT THE ISSUE IN LIMA.

6. BELIZE: THOMPSON IS INTERESTED IN BELIZE BUT HAD NOTHING NEW TO OFFER. HE RAISED THE SUBJECT BY STATING THAT  
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ALTHOUGH BELIZE IS RECEIVING INCREASING SUPPORT IN ITS DISPUTE WITH GUATAMALA, THE PROBLEM IS STILL NOT WELL KNOWN WITHIN THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY. THOMPSON BELIEVES THAT IF MEXICO WERE WILLING TO INDICATE ITS SUPPORT FOR BELIZE, THE GUATAMALEANS WOULD BE WILLING TO DEAL SERIOUSLY WITH THE PROBLEM. BELIZE, ON THE OTHER HAND, WILL NOT MAKE ANY MOVES TOWARD A RESOLUTION OF THE DISPUTE WITHOUT STRONG EXTERNAL GUARANTEES. THOMPSON FELT THAT IF A SOLUTION WERE PUT FORWARD,

BY A STRONG PARTY SUCH AS THE U.S. OR MEXICO, ENCOMPASSING FOR EXAMPLE A GUATAMALEAN RAIL AND ROAD CORRIDOR TO THE SEA. THOMPSON SAID THAT PRIME MINISTER PRICE WAS DISAPPOINTED THAT THE UK-GUATAMALA TALKS BROKE DOWN. PRICE WANTS TO PUSH A RESOLUTION IN THIS YEAR'S UNGA CALLING FOR INDEPENDENCE. THIS WILL BRING THE MATTER FORCEFULLY TO THE ATTENTION OF OTHERS. THOMPSON SAID THAT SUCH A RESOLUTION WOULD RECEIVE THE SUPPORT OF THE COMMONWEALTH COUNTRIES, PARTICULARLY THOSE OF THE CARIBBEAN, AND PERHAPS EVEN A FEW LA'S. PRICE HAS ASKED THE CARIBBEAN COMMONWEALTH COUNTRIES TO PRESENT BELIZE'S CASE AT THE UN. THEY PROBABLY WILL DO SO. WHEN THOMPSON ASKED ABOUT PRESSURE FROM MEXICO OR THE U.S. ON THE GUATAMALANS, I EXPLAINED THAT WE HAVE AN ENVIABLE POSITION. WE ARE AWARE OF THE PROBLEM BUT ARE NOT PART OF IT AND HAVE NO WISH TO INJECT OURSELVES. WE DO NOT COMPLETELY FORECLOSE THE PROBABILITY OF OUR DOING OR SAYING SOMETHING AT A LATER DATE, IF THERE WERE A REASONABLE ASSURANCE THAT SUCH ACTION WOULD RESULT IN A FINAL SETTLEMENT. BUT WHEN A REAL SOLUTION WERE IN HAND WE WOULD REMAIN NEUTRAL. BELIZE IS REPRESENTED IN LIMA. THOMPSON SAID HE WOULD CALL US WHEN HE RETURNS FROM THE NAC MEETING AND WE WILL TALK ABOUT THE MATTER FURTHER.

7. UNGA SPECIAL SESSION.

I TOLD THOMPSON THAT THE SECRETARY WOULD BE ADVANCING IMPORTANT INITIATIVES IN HIS SPEECH TO THE UNGA SPECIAL SESSION. HE WAS INTERESTED, JAMAICA IS HURTING ECONOMICALLY, WHICH WILL BE OF DIRECT INTEREST TO JAMAICA, AS THEY WILL GO BEYOND THE PROPOSALS TO DATE THAT HAVE TENDED TO CONCENTRATE ON THE PROBLEMS OF THE MOST SERIOUSLY AFFECTED COUNTRIES (MSAS). THE RESTRUCTURING OF THE WORLD ECONOMIC SYSTEM IS EMERGING AT THE TOP OF OUR SCHEDULE OF ISSUES TO BE ADDRESSED AND THE USG LOOKS FORWARD TO WORKING CLOSELY WITH JAMAICA AND OTHER THIRD WORLD NATIONS TO ARRIVE AT EQUITABLE SOLUTIONS TO

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COMMON PROBLEMS.

8. DETENTE AND THE THIRD WORLD.

THOMPSON WELCOMED THE EMERGING DETENTE AMONGST THE SUPER POWERS BUT POSED THE QUESTIONS, "DOES IT REALLY PORTEND SIGNIFICANT IMPROVEMENT IN CONDITIONS FOR THE THIRD WORLD?". I REPLIED THAT THE U.S. RECOGNIZES THE GROWING COMPLEXITY OF WORLD ORDER, WE HAVE MOVED F

BEYOND THE COLD WAR

CONCEPTS OF YESTERDAY. AMONG THE MORE IMPORTANT EFFECTS OF DETENTE WILL BE THE FREEING UP OF THE TIME OF SENIOR OFFICIALS FOR NORTH/SOUTH PROBLEMS. EVENTUALLY, WE HOPE DETENTE WILL EVEN ALLOW A REALLOCATION OF RESOURCES. THOMPSON ASKED WHETHER DETENTE COULD LEAD TO JOINT EFFORTS OF THE K.S. AND USSR TO ADDRESS PROBLEMS OF THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. MY ANSWER,

SPEAKING FOR THE U.S., WAS DEFINITELY YES AND THAT OUR WILLINGNESS WOULD BE AMPLY DEMONSTRATED WHEN THE SECRETARY DELIVERS HIS SPEECH TO THE UNGA SPECIAL SESSION. HE FEARS THAT DETENTE WILL LEAD TO A FREEZING OF INTERNATIONAL RELATIONSHIPS. THE GREAT POWERS WILL TRADE BENEFITS AND THE LDCS WILL BE LEFT OUT; OR WORSE. HE WANTED TO KNOW WHETHER DETENTE COULD LEAD TO A COOPERATIVE APPROACH BY THE SUPER POWERS TO THE PROBLEMS OF THE THIRD WORLD. I SAID, NOT YET, BUT WE WOULD WELCOME A BRIEF FROM JAMAICA HOW BEST TO PROMOTE THE PROCESS.

9. PANAMA.

I BRIEFED THE MINISTER.

HE IS CONCERNED ABOUT ATTITUDES IN THE CONGRESS, AND THE POLITICIZATION OF THE ISSUE WITHING THE U.S. I ASSURED HIM THAT WE WERE HOPEFULL THAT A CONSENSUS COULD BE DEVELOPED IN THE U.S. THOMPSON WELCOMED THE REINVIGORATION OF THE NEGOTIATING PROCESS. H SEES LITTLE LIKELIHOOD OF VIOLENCE AS LONG AS THE NEGOTIATING PROCESS DOES NOT BREAK DOWN.

10. U.S-JAMAICAN RELATIONS.

AFTER OUR LUNCH WITH PM (SEPJEL) WE MET AGAIN WITH THOMPSON AT AIRPORT. HE WAS EMPHATIC IN HIS PRAISE OF AMBASSADOR GERARD AND THE REMARKABLE CHANGE IN US-JAMAICAN RELATIONSHIPS WHICH HAD OCCURRED SINCE HIS ARRIVAL. THEY HAD NEVER BEEN BETTER, HE SAID AND REPEATED IN THE PRESS INTERVIEW WHICH FOLLOWED.

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11. CUBA.

I BRIEFED THOMPSON. HE SEEMED PERSUADED THAT WE WERE REASONABLE IN INSISTING ON RECIPROCAL NEGOTIATIONS WITHOUT PRE-CONDITIONS. HE RUMINATED THAT HE MIGHT SAY SOMETHING AT LIMA, WHERE THE CUBANS WILL BE IN EVIDENCE, PRHAPS ECEN OFFER JAMAICA AS A SITE.

12. COMMENT.

THOMPSON HAD FEWER IDEAS AND MORE GENERAL GOOD WILL THAN ANTICIPATED. I TRIST THAT THOSE WHO ARE MONITORING THE NAC AT LIMA WILL MAKE A SPEICAL POINT OF REPORTING ON SIR DUDLEY'S EFFORTS.

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